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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/522,600	<b>Applicant(s)</b> KANAI ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Yaritza Guadalupe McCall	<b>Art Unit</b> 2859	

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#### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 January 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)   | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)             |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>1/26/2005</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____.  |

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1 – 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Liskow ( US 5,099,585 ).

In regards to claim 1, Liskow discloses a measuring head, comprising a head body ( 15 ); a base lever ( 63 ) which is mounted to the head body swingably in a measurement direction and retract direction; and a measurement lever ( 23 ) securably and releasably mounted at a base end thereof via a clamp mechanism ( i.e., linkage system as described in column 4, lines 9 - 15 ) to a shaft portion ( 25 ) provided on a tip end portion of the base lever, the measurement lever including a contact ( as show in figure 1 ) abutting a measured object in a tip end thereof, wherein the clamp mechanism comprises a bearing member ( As shown in Figure 3 ) which is provided at a base end of the measurement lever, the bearing member having a slit portion formed therein to allow the shaft portion ( 25 ) to be fitted therein ( See Figure 3 ), resiliently deforming the slit portion in a closing direction thereof allowing the bearing member to be

fastened to the shaft portion; and a fastening member which is mounted to the measurement lever rotatably in an open direction and close direction, rotating the fastening member in the open direction releasing the shaft portion secured by the bearing member, and rotating the fastening member in the close direction resiliently deforming the bearing member in a closing direction of the slit portion in the bearing member to fasten the measurement lever to the shaft portion via the bearing member, the fastening member at this time using a rotating force generated in the fastening member to deflect the measurement lever by a predetermined amount.

With respect to claim 2, Liskow also shows a measuring head further comprising a regulating device which regulates an amount of swing of the base lever and variably controlling an amount of travel of the measurement lever ( See Column 4, lines 16 – 65 ).

Regarding claim 3, Liskow further discloses a measuring head wherein the clamp mechanism is sealed ( See Column 3, lines 24 - 41 ) to avoid entrance of foreign matters from outside.

In regards to claim 4, Liskow discloses a measuring head wherein the fastening member is configured to be rotated through a tool.

*Allowable Subject Matter*

3. Claim 5 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

*Conclusion*

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The following reference are considered of relevance to the present application :

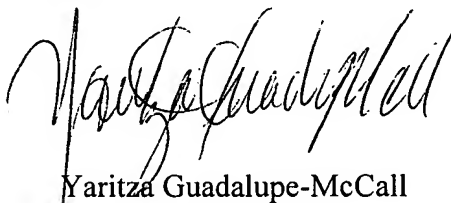
a. Ota et al. ( US 5,230,157 )

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yaritza Guadalupe McCall whose telephone number is (571)272-2244. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Diego F.F. Gutierrez can be reached on (571) 272-2245. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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